

**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Wednesday, September 11th 2013**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerns at 7:05 pm.

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Captain George W. Sullivan, Council Members: White, and Bee.

Excused: CM Farrish, CM Pooley

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM White. Agenda approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerns reports:

- On Tuesday, September 10, there was a water main break on Decatur Street and 52nd Ave. WSSC was notified and worked on the repairs until 3am Wednesday. After the water main break was fixed, the pipe broke again a little further down the line. Luckily the employees were still on the scene. WSSC is known for not fixing road repairs as required, but we will be vigilant to ensure the repairs are done.
- There have been recent power outages in town. This was due to grid problems at College Park. The matter has now been resolved.
- We have made several attempts to contact Comcast to request that the open cable box on Decatur Street be fixed. Our Public Works crew secured it temporarily, but the box is open again.
- On September 17, members from the Maryland House of Delegates- Environmental Matters Committee will visit several locations throughout the Port Towns community. The focus of this visit is stormwater management.

The members have informed us that they are interested in visiting the pumping station, Decatur Street, Eco City Farms, Bladensburg Town Hall parking lot, Ernest Maier Block Co., Anacostia Watershed Society offices and the Waterfront Park in Bladensburg.

In preparation for this visit we will be contracting the services of a landscaper to replant the ponds and the Town hall garden.

- We are awaiting a response from our bank in reference to a loan for the building addition.
- I attended a meeting with the Board Members of the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department and expressed our appreciation of all the services they provide us during our events as well as during emergency situations. Furthermore we expressed to them as needed.
- I met with some residents throughout the town to inquire about their perception of town services. Residents did not have any big complaints, but did express concerns related to traffic: Reduction of truck traffic, lower speed limits, and more stop signs were among the suggestions.
- Edmonston Day will be on October 12 from noon to six.
- Port Town Day is on Saturday September 21 at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park.
- PGCMA Meeting will be Thursday September 19 in Bowie at 7pm.
- October 19 will be the Prince George's County Crime Victim Run/walk in College Park.

The Prince George's County Crime Victims Fund provides emergency funding for qualified crime victims who have no other means to pay for the cost of victimization such as crime scene cleanup, stolen property, graffiti damage, insurance deductibles, and more. The fund also supports victim/survivor support groups for Homicide, Domestic Violence, and Elder Abuse Victims.

Council Report:

CM Bee mentions that:

- Along with CM White, they were able to visit Firewood Factory. She mentions that she was very disappointed with the overall appearance of the location. Recommends having a meeting with the property owner- Three Brothers Restaurant in the effort to seek for the property to be up kept better.

CM White mentions that

- As mentioned by CM Bee, during the visit at Firewood Factory, she noticed lots of trash and debris surrounding the area. There is a dumpster in the area, but nevertheless still lot of what seems to be junk.

The trash does not seem to be only from Firewood Factory, but also from PG Auto (the car dealership) adjacent to the Factory. She mentions that it seem as if in the back area of the dealer there is a towing company. She mentioned that she saw several white trucks parked without any signs on them. Would like to have someone take a look at what is going on there.

- Mentions that they would like to contemplate September 28, at as the possible date for the community block party.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- Will be in communication with WSSC in reference of the different repairs that they have done in the town. The last repair that was done seems to be forming a sinkhole, we are monitoring the situation.
- During the last week a truck driving on Kenilworth Ave., near the intersection of Decatur, lost a pallet of concrete. This created a big mess, and made the street seem white. Our guys were able to pick the trash, but the damage had been done.
- Went to Prince Georges County to seek the required permits for Veteran's Park. Had a bad experience, it was a waste of time. The county is has requested site plans as if we are building a house in the area. Wanted to have item resolved before the visit, but it doesn't seem possible.
- Still awaiting a response from the bank on our loan request for the addition.
- We are working very hard in completing all requirements for the Sustainable Maryland Certification. There are good probabilities that we will be certified in this round.
- We received 3 quotes from landscaping companies for the upkeep of the retention ponds as well as the green areas around the Town Hall and Rec. Center. We have submitted for approval tonight to enter a contract with Scrubnik Lawn Care Inc.
- We have installed 8 informational signs along Decatur Street.

Police/ Code Report

Captain Sullivan explains that Chief Walker couldn't be present because he is in training. The Captain explains both police and code reports.

- Mentions that for Edmonston Day has coordinated with Doctor's Hospital to have a representative handing out information on Breast Cancer awareness.
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- The department has requested for officers to keep visible though the town, as much as possible, although there is an officer on sick leave.
- CM White: mentions that she is still noticing several houses placing their bulk trash out on the wrong days. She has personally informed people that they must put the trash back on their property when it is not picked up. Some resident have told her that they have problems calling to get on the list as well as resident have encounter the problem that even after they call, the trash still isn't picked up.

She recommend that if bates is not fulfilling with the requirements, maybe we should look into not renewing the contract.

- Tiberio mentions that Code has been working very hard on trying to get residents to comply and in every newsletter we remind people of the procedure.

Public Comments

- Adriana from Decatur Street request that the sign at the gasoline station be changed more frequently.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

- 1 *Action to approve handicap parking for residents at 5008 Decatur Street; signs to be placed on 51st Place. Motion to approve made by CM White and second by CM Bee. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
- 2 *Action to approve employee share increase for town medical plan from 25% to 35% effective December 1, 2013. Motion to approve made by CM Bee and second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
- 3 *Approval of legislative meeting minutes for the months of November 2012, December 2012, January 2013, February 2013, March 2013, April 2013, May 2013, June 2013 and ,July*

2013. Motion to approve made by CM White and second by CM Bee. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

- 4 *Approval of Resolution 2013-08: Re: Port Town Community Legacy project request for street sweeper and 150 roadside trash / environmental containers. Motion to approve made by CM Bee and second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
- 5 *Action to approve ordinance 2013-OR-04 Re.: Enacting section 9B: Vacant Building(s) and Vacant Lot Registration to the Town of Edmonston Code Chapter 9: Building Code. Motion to approve made by CM White and second by CM Bee. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
- 6 *Authority to enter contract with Scrubnik Lawn Care Inc. for the landscaping and maintenance of bio-retention ponds and town hall in the amount of \$2,325. Motion to approve made by CM Bee and second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*

Unfinished Business:

- Tiberio request for a work session date to discuss redistricting when all council members can be present.

New Business:

No new business

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM White, second by CM Bee @ 8.25pm

Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.